near coastal locations is also being taken up.

(c) Solar Pond of area 240m^2 has successfully been stabilized at 80°C at Bangalore and currently the suitability of the Pond for providing process heat is being studied

Solar Pond of area 5000m^2 is under construction at Bhuj. The pond would provide hot water for the dairy.

Follow up action on Chari Committee Recommendations

1931 SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 145 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1988 and state:

(a) when the recommendations of the Chari Committee about 'Issues in Coal' were submitted to Government;

(b) which of the recommendations have been accepted by Government and with what results and which recommendations have been rejected/amended and what are the reasons for the same; and

(c) what is the implementation stage of each accepted recommendation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Chari Committee submitted in February, 1988 the report 'ISSUES IN COAL' to the Advisory Board on Energy who had commissioned the study

(b) and (c) As per procedure prescribed, Advisory Board on Energy considered the report and submitted its recommendations to the Special Committee of Secretaries. The recommendations/observations made by the Special Committee of Secretaries have been received in September, 1988/January, 1989 and those are being processed for consideration of the Government

World Bank's displeasure over NTPC'S Dues

1932. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 593 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the World Bank has expressed its concern over the substantial sums that the State Electricity Boards owe to the National Thermal Power Corporation; and

(b) whether the World Bank has pointed out that in future funding will be linked to the recovery of the over dues by the NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI). (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Financing the subsidies to the State Electricity Boards

1933 SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the State Power Ministers' Conference held in January last, he had warned that the whole power system in the country would collapse, if the State

Governments did not take the responsibility of financing the subsidies involved in low tariff sectors like agriculture, to the State Electricity Boards which must operate as commercial organisations; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard and what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of the recommendations of the Power Ministers' Conference held in 1988, a Working Group has already been set up to suggest measures to improve the financial performance of State Electricity Boards.

Manufacturing of Tractors

1934. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tractors manufactured in the country so far during the current financial year;

(b) what is the corresponding figures of tractors manufactured during the years 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(c) what is the number of tractors imported in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The production of Agricultural Tractors during the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 (upto December, 1988 is given below:—

1986-87	—	80,476 Nos.
1987-88	—	91,427 Nos.
1988-89 (upto Dec., 1988)	—	80,849 Nos.

(c) According to Tractor Manufacturers Association's Report on Tractor Industry in India, there has been no import of tractors in the country during the last three years.

Number of Central Public Sector Industries in Uttar Pradesh

1935. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the Central Public Sector Industries in Uttar Pradesh as on January 31, 1989;

(b) what is the total number of employees in these industries; and

(c) what is the number of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes and minorities working in these industries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) There were 16 Central Public Sector Enterprises with their registered office in Uttar Pradesh as on 31.3.1988 upto which date the information is available.

(b) There were 94475 employees in these Central Public Enterprises in Uttar Pradesh as on 31.3.1988 upto which date the information is available.

(c) As on 1.1.86 upto which date the information is available, there were 15045 and 1540 employees belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively. No data of employees belonging to minorities is available.

Action for under weighed gas cylinders

1936. DR. MOHD HASHIM KIDWAI. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that seals of gas cylinders are broken by the drivers of truck carrying cylinders on way to different cities